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# Panther Sports News

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (AUGUST 4, 1987)

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's 1987-88 basketball schedule, announced Tuesday (August 4), will feature 15 home games and the first ever at home against a Big Ten opponent.

The University of Wisconsin will highlight the non-conference schedule by coming to Lantz Gym on Thursday, December 3.

AMCU-8 opponents Southwest Missouri and Cleveland State, the last two league champs who have had considerable success in NCAA and NIT play, will play here on Monday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 13, respectively.

"Based on the recent success of our league teams and a beefed up non-conference home schedule, we're offering an attractive package with the most home games ever as a major college program," said EIU Athletic Director R.C. Johnson.

The Panthers will have seven lettermen and all five starters returning plus three junior college transfers who figure to give Coach Rick Samuels some choices when picking a lineup this winter.

EIU will host Marathon Oil in an exhibition game on Sunday, Nov. 15 in Lantz Gym with the regular season officially starting at home on Monday, Nov. 30 vs. Olivet Nazarene.

The AMCU-8 conference race also begins in Lantz Gym against Illinois-Chicago on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Besides Wisconsin, other non-conference home games will be against in-state rivals Southern Illinois on Thursday, Dec. 10 and Northern Illinois, a team that has not appeared on the schedule since the mid-1960s, on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

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St. Louis University, a NIT participant last winter, will come to Lantz Gym on Saturday, Jan. 9.

The Panthers will also benefit by a home schedule that features five of the first seven in Lantz Gym prior to Christmas. Eastern will play in a holiday tournament at Boise State on Dec. 29-30. Others in that tournament are the host school, St. Mary's of California and Sam Houston State.

Two road games of considerable interest will be at neighboring Indiana State in Terre Haute on Saturday, Dec. 5 and at Iowa State on Monday, Dec. 21.

#### 1987-88 EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENTS	SITE
7:30, Sunday, Nov. 15	MARATHON OIL (Exhibition)	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Nov. 30	OLIVET NAZARENE	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Thursday, Dec. 3	WISCONSIN	LANTZ GYM
6:30, Saturday, Dec. 5	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, IN
7:30, Monday, Dec. 7	HARRIS-STOWE	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Thursday, Dec. 10	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Tuesday, Dec. 15	WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Dec. 21	at Iowa State	Ames, IA
TBA, Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 29-30	Albertson's Classic (EIU, Boise State, St. Mary's, Sam Houston)	Boise, ID
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 2	at Chicago State	Chicago, IL
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 9	ST. LOUIS	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 13	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 16	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO *	LANTZ GYM
6:30, Monday, Jan. 18	at Cleveland State *	Cleveland, OH
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 23	WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Jan. 25	SOUTHWEST MISSOURI *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Jan. 30	at Northern Iowa *	Cedar Falls, IA
7:30, Monday, Feb. 1	VALPARAISO *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Thursday, Feb. 4	AUGUSTANA	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 6	at Western Illinois *	Macomb, IL
7:30, Monday, Feb. 8	at Illinois-Chicago *	Chicago, IL
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 13	CLEVELAND STATE *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Monday, Feb. 15	at Wisconsin-Green Bay *	Green Bay, WI
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 20	at Southwest Missouri *	Springfield, MO
7:30, Monday, Feb. 22	NORTHERN IOWA *	LANTZ GYM
7:30, Saturday, Feb. 27	at Valparaiso *	Valparaiso, IN
7:30, Saturday, March 5	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	LANTZ GYM
7:00, Monday, March 7	at Northern Illinois	DeKalb, IL

All Times CST, \*AMCU-8 Games